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SUBJ: RESUMED TENTH SESSION OF THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

BOARD-THIRD GENERAL CONFERENCE OF UNIDO

1. DEPTS ATTENTION CALLED TO NOTE BY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (ID/B/172), COPIES OF WHICH AIR POUCHED IO/CMD, CONCERNING PROPOSED THIRD GENERAL CONFERENCE OF UNIDO FOR CONSIDERATION UNDER AGENDA ITEM 6 AT RESUMED IDB-X. ALTHOUGH NOT AMONG THE SPECIFIC ITEMS INITIALLY INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA OF IDB-X QUESTION IS BEING SUBMITTED FOLLOWING CONSULTATION ON THIS MATTER IN JUNE 1976 BETWEEN SECRETARIAT AND EXPANDED BUREAU OF THE BOARD. REASON FOR SUBMISSION OF ITEM AT THIS TIME IS TO HAVE RESUMED IDB-X RECOMMEND THAT 31ST GA SCHEDULE UNIDO-III FOR 1979 (LIMA DECLARATION CALLS FOR UNIDO GENERAL CONFERENCE EVERY FOUR YEARS) AND PROVIDE FINANCIAL RESOURCES (\$20,000) TO ENABLE SECRETARIAT TO BEGIN PREPARATORY WORK DURING 1977. GA WOULD ALSO BE ASKED TO CONSTITUTE IDB/PC AS PREP COMM FOR THE CONFERENCE AND TO CONFIRM THAT GENERAL THRUST OF UNIDO-III REFLECT FUNCTIONS SUGGESTED IN PARA 70 OF LIMA DECLARATION.

2. PARAS 3 AND 4 OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S NOTE RAISE POINT WHICH USDEL SHOULD BE PREPARED TO ADDRESS. SECRETARIAT LINE IS THAT PERIODIC GENERAL CONFERENCE ENVISAGED IN DRAFT STATUTES UNCLASSIFIED

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OF UNIDO AND GENERAL CONFERENCE REFERRED TO IN PARA 70(C)

OF LIMA DECLARATION (RECOMMENDED TO BE CONVENED EVERY FOUR YEARS) ARE TWO QUITE DIFFERENT TYPES OF MEETINGS - THE FIRST TO BE CONCERNED ESSENTIALLY WITH VARIOUS MATTERS RELATED TO THE WORK OF THE ORGANIZATION AS SUCH (POLICY DIRECTION, PROGRAM/BUDGET, ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS) AND THE SECOND TO BE CONCERNED WITH GLOBAL ISSUES RELATED TO INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF INDUSTRY. SECRETARIAT REGARDS SUCH GENERAL CONFERENCE ANALOGOUS TO WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE AND TRIPARTITE CONFERENCE ON EMPLOYMENT, INCOME DISTRIBUTION AND SOCIAL PROGRESS. THUS, THE SECRETARIAT LINE APPEARS TO SUGGEST THAT ONCE UNIDO BECOMES A SPECIALIZED AGENCY IT WILL NOT ONLY MEET IN REGULAR GENERAL CONFERENCE (ANNUAL OR BIENNUELY DEPENDING ON THE STATUTORY PROVISION) BUT ALSO EVERY FOUR YEARS IN A SEPARATE GENERAL CONFERENCE PURSUANT TO THE RECOMMENDATION IN PARA 70(C) OF LIMA. ONE IMPLICATION OF THIS LINE OF ARGUMENT WOULD APPEAR TO BE, IF THE LANGUAGE OF PARA 70 IS TAKEN LITERALLY, THAT UNIDO'S STATUTES SHOULD ALSO MAKE EXPLICIT PROVISION FOR THIS SECOND TYPE OF PERIODIC CONFERENCE. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT SOME G-77 SPOKESMEN AT IGC-III TEND TO TAKE SAME LINE AS SECRETARIAT NOTE, I.E.M ARGUED THE NEED FOR TWO TYPES OF UNIDO GENERAL CONFERENCES.

3. MISSION'S PRELIMINARY VIEW IS THAT (A) ANY IDB RECOMMENDATION TO THE 31ST GA TO CONVENE A UNIDO GENERAL CONFERENCE IN 1979 SHOULD BE RELATED IN SOME FASHION TO THE POSSIBILITY THAT BY THEN UNIDO MAY HAVE BECOME A SPECIALIZED AGENCY WITH ITS OWN PERIODIC GENERAL CONFERENCE POSSIBLY OBTAINING THE NEED FOR A SEPARATE GENERAL CONFERENCE, (B) ANY SUGGESTION THAT TWO TYPES OF PERIODIC GENERAL CONFERENCES WOULD EXIST SIDE-BY-SIDE SHOULD BE AVOIDED AND (C) SHOULD UNIDO BECOME A SPECIALIZED AGENCY THE QUESTION OF THE CONTENT OF THE AGENDA OF ITS REGULAR GENERAL CONFERENCES WILL BE DETERMINED PURSUANT TO ITS RELEVANT RULES OF PROCEDURE. IT IS NOT PRECLUDED A PRIORI THAT QUESTIONS SUCH AS THOSE RELATED TO INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF INDUSTRY CAN BE TAKEN UP BY SUCH GENERAL CONFERENCES. IN ANY EVENT SHOULD THERE BE A NEED FOR A SPECIAL GENERAL CONFERENCE ON SUBSTANTIVE ASPECTS OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, DECISION TO CONVENE IT COULD BE MADE

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AD HOC AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME.

4. THIS QUESTION WILL PROBABLY BE DISCUSSED AT GROUP B MEETING SCHEDULED AUGUST 17. STIBRAVY

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